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GERMAN SUB NEAR AMERICAN PORTS

WASHINGTON, APRIL 17.—A GERMAN SUBMARINE TODAY FIRED ON THE UNITED STATES DESTROYER SMITH ABOUT ONE HUNDRED MILES FROM NEW YORK. THE PRESENCE OF THE ENEMY SUBMERSIBLES IN AMERICAN WATERS INDICATES A THREATENED GERMAN SUBMARINE BLOCKADE OF AMERICAN ATLANTIC PORTS HAS BEGUN.

Washington, April 17.—The following announcement was made this morning by the navy department:

It was reported from the Fire Island lightship to naval stations at Boston and New York at three-thirty today that an enemy submarine was sighted by the U. S. steamship Smith and that the submarine was running apparently submerged. The submarine fired a torpedo at the Smith which missed her by thirty yards. The wake of the torpedo was plainly seen crossing ahead of the bow of the steamship. The submarine short-

ly disappeared. This attack by the U-boat is the German's first recognition of a state of war declared by the United States. It was stated in Germany that no aggressive steps would be taken against the United States, but practically no American official believed this statement. The probability of submarine attacks on unprotected seaboard cities and towns and raids on shipping within sight of American shores and a submarine blockade of American ports is expected.

BRITISH GAINING GERMAN'S GROUND

By Associated Press.
London, April 17.—British statement.—In the neighborhood of Epehy we captured the Letom-bois farm on the Lempire-Vet-ville road and gained ground in northeast of Epehy.
The weather continues stormy which greatly interferes with military operations.

RIKE IN GERMANY AGAINST BREAD REDUCTION PREVENTED EXCEPT AMONG FACTORIES

By Associated Press.
Berlin, April 17.—A day of apprehension ended tonight without alarming events. The threatened strike, which was caused by a reduction of the weekly bread ration materialized in only a portion of the largest factories.
The leaders planned elaborate street demonstrations but the inclement weather kept down the enthusiasm of the strikers in a limited number of factories which were manned by unions belonging to the Liebknecht-Scheidt branch of the social democratic party.

AUSTRIAN PEOPLE WANT PEACE

By Associated Press.
Berne, Switzerland, April 17.—Peace and spring weather are what Austrian-Hungarian people most desire. During a long stay in Vienna whence the Associated Press correspondent has just come there was observed every indication that the government and the people are willing to accept any peace proposal leaving Austria-Hungary territory intact and are making no claims for indemnity. The monarchy will continue fighting unless these conditions are met.

Finished Masonic School.

Grand Lecturer J. J. Kelley today completed a course of instruction to Roswell Lodge of Masons, and will next take up similar work at Artesia and Carlsbad. Mr. Kelley, who was accompanied by his wife, was given a cordial welcome by the fraternity and his visit was the occasion of much benefit.—Roswell News.

R. C. Brown, factory man for the Oldsmobile, of Lansing, Michigan, is in the city to establish an agency here for the above named company. He is accompanied by Mr. Bailey, of Roswell, who is agent for the Oldsmobile in five New Mexico counties.

CIRCUMSTANCES EXPOSE MURDER AND NAME SLAYER

YOUNG MAN NOW ON TRIAL IN SANTA FE FOR MURDER OF CLYDE D. ARMOUR.

Elbert W. Blancett, of Friday Harbor, Washington, on trial in district court in Santa Fe is charged with murder of Clyde D. Armour, of Sioux City, Ia. It is declared he shot his friend and motor companion deliberately in the back with a shotgun, stole his car, effects and money and boldly impersonated his victim for days in Santa Fe and Albuquerque. The long arm of the law reached up to the Canadian border and brought him back to Santa Fe. Meanwhile, after weeks of search by hundreds of people the unawed bones of Clyde Armour were found by a native farmer whose dog brought the bone of a man home one day last fall, close to the highway in an open space between Santa Fe and Pecos Town. A formidable chain of circumstantial evidence is expected to be woven about Blancett. Meanwhile his anxious mother sits daily in the court room opposite the other grief-stricken mother, Mrs. Armour, to hear a trial which bids fair to be tense with drama and human interest all the way through.

Santa Fe, April 17.—That E. W. Blancett signed the name of C. D. Armour to a telegram sent from here on October 23, the alleged date of Armour's death, to the Sioux City Gas and Electric Co., Sioux City, Iowa, asking that \$200 be wired him in Santa Fe and charged to Armour's account, was testified today by a Western Union clerk in the trial of Blancett for the alleged murder of Armour. The clerk identified Blancett in the courtroom as the man who had sent the telegram.

F. S. McKircher, a freight hauler, on cross-examination, stuck to his story that he saw Blancett and Armour together in Armour's car near the scene of the alleged murder "between 3 and 4 o'clock" on the afternoon of October 23. The smashed watch found on Armour's body is alleged to have stopped at a quarter after three.

Today's Baseball Results

National League.
St. Louis-Chicago, rain.
Cincinnati 3, Pittsburgh 2.

American League.
Philadelphia 1, Boston 3.
New York 2, Washington 1.
St. Louis 4, Cleveland 0.
Detroit 2, Chicago 4.

Judge H. M. McKellar, formerly district attorney in Pecos county, is in town today.

Hamlet and Ankerry, well known to the business fraternity of Carlsbad, left today for Lovington, the metropolis of the plains.

Guy Meekson and family, of Artesia, came down by auto Monday. Meekson is proprietor of the Hardwick hotel in Artesia.

W. H. Newman and wife, of Lakewood, were with the wedding party at the Bates hotel last night.

Mrs. Howard Kerr was in the city shopping this morning.

Judge Pistole returned to his home at Artesia today after browsing a few days at Carlsbad as he naively expressed it.

Rumor has it that Dr. Doepp will return to Carlsbad tomorrow.

Will Taylor and wife of Lovington were in Carlsbad yesterday.

LOST in Carlsbad. Airdale dog, "Faville" on collar. If found notify L. R. FAVILLE, Roswell, N. M.

Do your swearing at the Current office. Notary always in.

100,000 GERMANS KILLED, CAPTURED AND MISSING ALONG WESTERN LINE

By Associated Press.

PARIS, FRANCE, APRIL 17.—THE GERMANS SUFFERED ANOTHER CRUSHING BLOW ON THE WESTERN FRONT WHEN FORTY MILES OF THE STRONGEST PART OF HER LINES WERE WRESTED FROM HER WITH AN ESTIMATED LOSS OF NEARLY ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND KILLED, WOUNDED AND MADE PRISONERS WHICH WAS THE RESULT OF THE OPENING YESTERDAY OF THE OFFENSIVE ALONG A TWENTY-FIVE MILE FRONT FROM SOISSONS TO RHEIMS, EXTENDING TO THE WESTERN BATTLE LINE A DISTANCE OF CLOSE TO ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY MILES, OR MORE THAN TWO-THIRDS OF THE MIGHTY LINE FROM SWITZERLAND TO THE SEA.

GERMAN COUNTER ATTACKS.

Paris, April 17.—German counter attacks were made in force in the region of the allies and around Courcy but were repulsed last night by the French. It is officially announced that heavy losses were inflicted on the Germans.

IRISH OPPOSE EXTENSION OF LIFE OF PARLIAMENT

By Associated Press.

London, April 17.—At a meeting of the Irish nationalist party it was decided to oppose the bill for the extension of the life of parliament.

GULF OF MEXICO SUBMARINE BASE

By Associated Press.

Washington, April 17.—The possibility of a submarine base in the Gulf of Mexico has long been recognized. Many officials have long been convinced that when raiding began it would come from that quarter.

Great Battle of Mighty War is Raging

By Associated Press.

Berlin, April 17.—One of the greatest battles of the mighty war and therefore of the world's history, is in progress on the river Aisne, says a German army statement.

In Champagne this morning much fighting between Brunay and Aubervie developed, the battle line thereby extending from Oise into Champagne. On Monday afternoon the French threw fresh masses into the fray and carried out lateral attacks between Oise and Conde on the Aisne. The artillery fight, which continued today levelled positions and produced wide, deep craters rendering obstinate defense no longer possible.

Hurrah for the Evening Current and Progress Generally!

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SEVEN BILLION BILL TO BE VOTED ON TODAY

Washington, April 17.—Consideration of the seven billion dollar bill was commenced in the senate this morning. Senator Stone said he would vote for it but thought it should be framed differently. A vote will be taken before adjournment.

SOLDIER BOY.

The little soldier boy that arrived at the Sid Brown home Sunday morning, will bear the name of John Harvey Brown. Congratulations are extended to the fortunate parents.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

All persons alleging to have claims against L. W. Knowles, who will present same within thirty days will find me by wire, letter or in person at Artesia, N. M., as I wish to leave the country and do not care to take a chance of being subjected to false imprisonment again.
L. W. KNOWLES.

ANOTHER BRITISH STEAMER IS LOST—PASSENGERS SAVED

By Associated Press.

London, April 17.—The British steamer Karmala, eighty to 100 tons, was driven on a reef and sunk March 17, near Spezia, Italy, after having been shelled and torpedoed by a German submarine, according to two Americans who were among the 190 passengers who arrived here at Spezia. All on board the steamer were saved.

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